Minnesota Medal of Honor Memorial Groundbreaking Ceremony Media Advisory



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In concert with the annual Medal of Honor Convention held in the Twin Cities this year, a groundbreaking ceremony for the newly inaugurated Minnesota Medal of Honor Memorial will take place on the grounds of the Minnesota State Capitol on Monday, October 3rd, 2016 at 4 p.m. The Minnesota Medal of Honor Memorial is the first Minnesota memorial to recognize the valor of the individual veteran exemplified by the 72 past Minnesota Medal of Honor recipients, from the Civil War through Vietnam, to the present day.

The program will pay tribute to Medal of Honor recipients in attendance, recognize other distinguished guests, and feature an operational aircraft and vintage aircraft flyover. Music will be provided by the 34th Infantry Division Concert Band, with the New Ulm Civil War Cannon Battery, along with Civil War reenactors and bugler, present to add to the significance and solemnity of the occasion.

The Minnesota Medal of Honor Memorial is proud to be affiliated with the 2016 Medal of Honor Convention, hosted by the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul on October 4th to 8th. The convention is a distinguished annual gather of Medal of Honor recipients, and will be attended by family members, friends, and military dignitaries from around the country. The convention will offer a wide range of events including several meaningful opportunities for the Twin Cities community to interact with and honor the recipients, a national treasure, each of whom have been recognized for their heroism with our nation's highest award for military valor.

The groundbreaking event is free and open to the public. There will be reserved seating and identifying name badges for Medal of Honor recipients or their descendants in attendance, as well as their accompanying guests, Disabled American Veterans, key event sponsors and other special guests. For more information, please visit the Minnesota Medal of Honor Memorial at http://minnesotamedalofhonormemorial.org or the Medal of Honor Convention at http://www.mohtwincities.com.

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